

**EUBIA – EUROPEAN BIOMASS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIOMASS SECTOR AND ITS MARKETS**

**LAUDATIO TO THE 2005 PRIZE WINNER
ED HOGAN
BSC IN ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY
MA IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FROM CARLETON UNIVERSITY IN OTTAWA, CANADA**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The European Biomass Industry Association Award will be presented today for the 4th time. The award was first delivered on the occasion of the 1st World Biomass Conference in 2000 in Seville. Since then, the 2nd and 3rd prize were awarded in Amsterdam and Rome, on the occasion of the 12th and the 13th European Biomass Conferences. The awardee is a representative of the biomass community who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the Biomass Industry and its markets.

It's my pleasure to announce the winner of the 2005 EUBIA Award: Ed Hogan.



Ed Hogan, Peter Helm, Giuliano Grassi (from right to left)

Ed Hogan is Program Manager at the Canadian Federal Energy Department, known as Natural Resources Canada and receives this award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the advancement of the modern Biomass Industry.

Ed Hogan is a cosmopolitan personality. He obtained his academic qualifications in environmental biology and resource management at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada.

His career started as an environmental energy consultant and activist. In the early 80's Ed Hogan joined the Canadian Federal Energy Department as a project officer focusing on bioenergy technology development programs that were expanding in funding support and scope because of increasing oil prices.

After this experience, Ed Hogan became program

manager for the thermochemical biomass conversion program, specializing in pyrolysis, gasification and biodiesel. He was also involved in the IEA Bioenergy Agreement as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee and Task Activities. This position brought him into close contact with European technical experts.

Ed's European involvement started with technical visits from the European Commission, G. Grassi, and European Technical Experts, with Canadian stakeholders developing biomass fast pyrolysis technologies. As a result of these initial contacts, Ed acted as liaison for Canadian Pyrolysis companies working with the European Commission and member countries to develop pyrolysis applications in Europe. A number of joint technology projects under JOULE, THERMIE and other EU and EU country programs as well as the Canada - EU Science and Technology Agreements were initiated, including the Ensyn Technologies and the pilot pyrolysis installation at ENEL in Italy. This technology collaboration expanded to other areas and as a result of this initial success, ethanol production, fuel pellets and biorefining opportunities were added.

He has worked tirelessly to promote Canadian – European relations. He was one of the key promoters in brining Canada and the Americas to join Europe for the 1st World Conference on Biomass, which took place in Seville, Spain in 2000. He has a truly global presence, with work ranging from administrative needs to the real rural environment.

Ed looks for dialogue and common approaches, for communication and he is a driving force to sway changes. Being a dynamic person, he never misses the opportunity to listen to others' opinions and to be open for new ideas and solutions.

When you meet Ed, you meet a man who is down-to-earth and part of the world he is working on. His life's work deserves our respect and admiration.

You, Ed, are a remarkable role model in bringing together Canadians and Europeans in the field of biomass for Energy, Industry and Climate Protection. You truly deserves this European Industry Association Award and we look up to your powerful drive and your noteworthy success.

Congratulations!